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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES BEING IMPLEMENTED AT KINGSTON

REF: A KINGSTON 3966, B. KINGSTON 3985 C. KINGSTON 3986

1. ON SEPTEMBER 17, A MEETING WAS HELD BETWEEN ASST POLICE COMMISSIONER SYDNEY GIBSON AND THE RSO AT WHICH TIME GIBSON STATED THAT "ALLEGATIONS" HAD BEEN MADE (CONCERNING EMBASSY EMPLOYEES) BUT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, NO ACTUAL THREATS. IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION, HOWEVER, GOJ FELT "PROPER PRECAUTION" SHOULD BE TAKEN AND HE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING:

A. ONE ARMED PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICEMAN TO BE STATIONED AT THE EMBASSY MAIN CHANCERY (LOBBY AND FRONT OF BUILDING) DURING DUTY HOURS.

B. "FREQUENT" MOBILE PATROLS IN THE AREA OF THE EMBASSY, VISA ANNEX, AND THE RESIDENCES OF ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, HE REQUESTED A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES, WITH ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

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2. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE RESIDENCES OF THE AMBASSADOR AND

DCM ARE PROTECTED BY CONTRACT ARMED GUARDS ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE POLICE WOULD CHECK-IN WITH THESE GUARDS EACH TIME THEY MADE A PATROL IN THE AREA.

3. THE VISA ANNEX HAS STATIONARY POLICE COVERAGE DURING DUTY HOURS, BUT THE MOBILE POLICE PATROL OF THAT FACILITY WOULD BE MADE MORE FREQUENT ON A 24-HOUR BASIS (AND ALSO PC OFFICE).

4. APPARENTLY, THE POLICE HAD OVERLOOKED THE USIS/OFFICES BUT GIBSON ADVISED THAT COVERAGE OF THAT BUILDING WILL BE LOOKED INTO". THE RSO REQUESTED AT LEAST ONE ARMED PLAINCLOTHES POLICEMAN TO BE ASSIGNED DURING DUTY HOURS AND FREQUENT PATROLS DURING NON-DUTY HOURS. GIBSON AGREED.

5. SINCE THE AUTOMOBILE LICENSE NUMBERS OF THREE AMERICAN EMPLOYEES STILL IN KINGSTON HAD BEEN DISCLOSED DURING PHILIP AGEE'S VISIT TO THE ISLAND, IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE ISSUED NEW PLATES AND GIBSON AGREED TO PURSUE THIS MATTER.

6. AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM, GIBSON WAS PROVIDED A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES(ALPHABETICALLY, NO TITLE) OF ALL AMERICAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES, EXCLUDING (A) THOSE ON A TDY BASIS AND (B) PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN THE FIELD WHO, AS WAS EXPLAINED TO GIBSON, FREQUENTLY CHANGED LOCATIONS. (LOCAL POLICE IN ALL INSTANCES FAMILIAR WITH LOCATION PCVS.) GIBSON ALSO REQUESTED THAT HE BE KEPT UP-TO -DATE ON CHANGES OF PERSONNEL, "FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSIGNING PATROLS AND PERMITTING THOSE OFFICERS PERFORMING THE PATROL TO MEET THE PEOPLE PERSONALLY, SHORTLY AFTER THEY ARRIVE." RSO NON-COMMITTAL ON LATTER REQUEST.

7. RE PC OFFICE HERE, POSSIBILITY OF REQUESTING INCREASED POLICE PROTECTION (I.E., STATIONARY GUARD COVERAGE IN ADDITION MOBILE PATROLS) WAS DISCUSSED INTERNALLY AND REVIEWED WITH GIBSON. ALL CONCLUDED THAT LOW VISIBILITY OF OFFICE (A HOUSE IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA) OFFERS BEST PROTECTION FOR THE MOMENT.

8. COMMENT: WE ARE DUBIOUS THAT ADDED SECURITY MEASURES WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE SECURITY OF MISSION AND IT'S STAFF BUT, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THERE PERHAPS IS LITTLE MORE JAMAICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY FORCES CAN DO GIVEN MANPOWER CONSTRAINTS. THERE ARE ALSO SOME PROBLEMS IN THE ABOVE. WE MUST ASSUME THAT THE PLAINCLOTHESMAN ASSIGNED TO THE CHANCERY WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO MONITOR AND REPORT ALL VISITORS. FOR SIMILAR REASONS WE ARE HOLDING IN ABEYANCE ANY ACTION ON REQUEST THAT POLICE BE PROVIDED WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON CHANGES OF STAFF, AND THAT NEW STAFF BE INTRODUCED TO POLICE. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THE PROMISE OF MOBILE PATROLS IS NO MORE THAN A COMMITMENT

TO FILL AN EXISTING OBLIGATION TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. IN  
SHORT, THE SECURITY OF OUR STAFF IS DEPENDENT ON OUR OWN ACTIONS  
AND WHATEVER RESTRAINTS THE GOJ MAY BE ABLE TO EXERCISE  
VIS-A-VIS THE MORE RADICAL AND VIOLENT ELEMENTS OF JAMAICAN  
SOCIETY. IN LATTER CONNECTION GIBSON DID POINT OUT WITH  
LEGITIMATE ACCURACY THAT STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS RESULTED IN  
SHARP DECREASE IN VIOLENT CRIME -- ESPECIALLY THAT OF A POLITICAL  
CHARACTER.  
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